

183. **(Renumbered)** The method [composite membrane] of claim 157, wherein the thickness of said composite membrane is at most 0.2 mils.

184. **(Renumbered)** The method [composite membrane] of claim 157, wherein the thickness of said composite membrane is at most 0.1 mils.

185. **(Renumbered)** (Amended) The fuel cell [composite membrane] of claim 167, wherein the thickness of said composite membrane is at most 0.4 mils.

c/ 186. **(Renumbered)** (Amended) The fuel cell [composite membrane] of claim 167 wherein the thickness of said composite membrane is at most 0.3 mils.

187. **(Renumbered)** (Amended) The fuel cell [composite membrane] of claim 167, wherein the thickness of said composite membrane is at most 0.2 mils.

188. **(Renumbered)** (Amended) The fuel cell [composite membrane] of claim 167, wherein the thickness of said composite membrane is at most 0.1 mils.

241. (Amended) The method [composite membrane] of claim 218, wherein the